

SMEAC

Quick Response to Mobile Convoy

26-27 February 2022

(Appendix B to Overall Tactical Plan)

Situation

On February 18th, 2022, the UCC launched an operation with the intent to clear the roadways in the city of Ottawa and return the streets/city to a state of normalcy. This was accomplished through Public Order Engagement, Tactical Engagement, Investigative Support, Traffic/Towing Support and regular Police Operations Support. In the evening of February 20th, 2022, the ICR had accomplished its Actions On by completing the concept of operations.

At this time, there remains multiple satellite posts around the city of Ottawa which is housing hundreds of trucks that are associated to the Freedom Convoy. Although there is no specific intelligence indicating they may attempt to convoy back into Ottawa, preparations are being made in case it does occur.

Mission

The Tactical Unit will provide support to Traffic and Public Order Teams deployed to intercept any Truck Convoy attempting to re-enter Ottawa prior to them arriving in the city.

Execution

3 Phases

Phase 1:

RV

Designated Tactical quick response teams will rendezvous with designated POU team at a location to be determined at the time of deployment. POU and Tactical will meet and proceed to the location of the Convoy as directed by the OPP / OPS Traffic Teams.

Phase 2:

Clearing Phase

Assist POU with clearing vehicles as required. This may include but is not limited to barricaded vehicle occupants, abandoned uncleared vehicles, armed barricaded occupants, suspicious packages observed in vehicles.

Phase 3:

Demobilization

Return to the downtown core and assist with any other task as required at the direction of the Tactical Commander

Actions on:

Barricaded Persons

- a) Hostile Barricaded Person - Entry team will utilize tactics and equipment to effect the arrest. Options include window breach, insertion of chemical munitions manually or through the use of barricade penetrating chemical dispersion rounds. Hostile occupant may include but is not limited to those who lock doors, use the vehicle horn, have a dog identified as a possible threat, appear to be attempting to set their vehicle in motion.
 - Spike belts will be set up directly under the wheels at the first sign of non-compliance to mitigate possible movement. Attempt to release airbrake pressure from the exterior to contain vehicle.
 - The threat of a hostile large truck going mobile is significant. The most effective way to mitigate this threat is to take immediate measures to take away the opportunity for the driver to go mobile by gaining control of the driver before he is able to drive.
- b) Armed Barricaded Person – isolate and contain. SOP's actions at the discretion of CIC.
- c) Passive occupant / family refusing to exit a vehicle – Advise CIC. Contain and consider Negotiator / PLT. Tactical IAT to remain with the vehicle until given further direction by CIC. Entry can be made by prying door open or using a rescue device to breach the window if required.
- d) Confirmed empty vehicles – continue clearing
- e) Unconfirmed or possibly empty vehicles – Attempt to make contact with potential occupants. If unsuccessful - breach and confirm vehicle is empty based on the risk associated with leaving a possible unknown threat behind the advancing members
- f) Camping Trailers – knock and call out. Breach and search using Scout robot followed by stealth search to confirm its empty.

Shots Fired – React, assess and communicate. QRT to respond

IED's or Suspicious Packages – Integrated CBRNE Unit will be on scene and attend immediately

Hostages – OPS SOP's.

Hostile Mobile Vehicle – options include:

- a) Attempt to box in with Tactical Vehicle
- b) Deploy barricade penetrating Chemical Munitions
- c) Immediate intervention to take control of occupants prior to the vehicle going mobile
- d) Rendering vehicle immobile prior to it moving by cutting brake lines (mechanic required).
- e) Spike Belts placed under tires to limit movement if a truck does go mobile

Administration

Order of Dress:

QRT – Duty gear / long guns / ear and eye protection / gas masks and full gear readily available if required.

Equipment:

- Window punch
- Rake and break
- Chemical munitions – OC Mk9 / Vapor. CS / Barricade penetrating CS and ARWEN
- ARWEN
- Shield
- Spike belts
- Bolt cutters
- Hydraulic Ram
- Mirror
- Scout
- Pry bar

Communications:

Radio Channels :

POU – POU 1

Tactical – Tac 1

Event – Special 3

Vehicles - TBD

Command and Control

Chain of Command :

Unified Command : Superintendent Rob Bernier

T/C – S/Sgt / Moore or Sgt. Clement

TL – Sgt. McGuire / Sgt. DeHartog / Sgt. Hutchins (depending on responding element)

Superintendent Rob Ber

Radio / Comms: TBD

Decon : City Hall underground parking – Elgin entrance

Start time : TBD

REDA REDA / Food – Shaw Center

Medical – 1 medic assigned to each Armored Vehicle

2 medics assigned to Tactical with transport capability